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RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND PRELIMINARY
AMENDMENT

In response to the Official Action mailed January 21, 2003, solely for the purpose of advancing prosecution of this case and without addressing the veracity of Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Group I (Claims 1-56). Group II (Claims 57-64) is withdrawn from the above-identified patent application without prejudice or disclaimer.

Prior to examining this case on the merits, please amend the application as follows.